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FOR SECRETARY ROGERS

EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING LETTER DATED AUGUST 24 FROM
KIICHI AICHI, MINISTER OF FINANCE:

BEGIN TEXT

DEAR MR. SECRETARY:

I HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT YOU WILL BE RESIGNING AS
SECRETARY OF STATE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. IN RECEIVING
THIS NEWS, MANY VIVID MEMORIES COME BACK TO ME OF
THE NUMEROUS EVENTS WHICH I WAS INVOLVED IN WITH YOU
SINCE YOU BECAME SECRETARY OF STATE AT THE OUTSET OF
THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION.

I WISH ESPECIALLY TO EXPRESS MY HEARTFELT GRATITUDE
FOR THE INFINITE PATIENCE, DEEP UNDERSTANDING AND
SINCERE SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP WITH WHICH YOU COOPERATED
WITH US DURING A MOST CRUCIAL PERIOD IN US-JAPANESE
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, CULMINATING IN THE AGREEMENT ON
THE RETURN OF OKINAWA WHICH WE SIGNED VIA SATELLITE
COMMUNICATION ON JUNE 17, 1971, AND THE EXTENSION OF
THE US-JAPAN MUTUAL SECURITY PACT.

THERE ARE THE MEMORIES OF THE CHINESE REPRESENTA-
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TION DEBATE AT THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING IN

1971, THE NUMEROUS MEETINGS ON THE OCCASION OF OUR
MUTUAL VISITS TO WASHINGTON AND TOKYO, THE PLEASANT
HOURS SPENT TOGETHER AT THE BURNING TREE AND THREE
HUNDRED CLUBS, AND MORE RECENTLY, SINCE MY APPOINTMENT
AS MINISTER OF FINANCE, OUR ENCOUNTERS AT THE US-
JAPAN CABINET LEVEL TALKS IN JULY AND THE SUBSEQUENT
SUMMIT MEETING IN WASHINGTON, ETC., ETC.....A TRULY
ENDLESS LIST OF FOND MEMORIES.

THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE PERIOD OF MY ACQUAINTANCE
WITH YOU TO THIS VERY MOMENT, I HAVE MAINTAINED UN-
RESERVED FAITH IN YOU, AND I BELIEVE THAT YOU CAN
APPRECIATE HOW DEEPLY I WAS MOVED WHEN I HEARD OF
YOUR RESIGNATION.

I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU PLAN TO RETURN TO PRIVATE LIFE
FOR THE TIME BEING. I HOPE THAT THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WHICH YOU HELPED SO MUCH IN
DEVELOPING WILL CONTINUE TO GROW UNHINDERED, AND ALSO
THAT OUR FRIENDSHIP WILL CONTINUE FOREVER INTO THE
FUTURE.

MRS. AICHI JOINS ME IN WISHING YOU AND MRS. ROGERS
THE BEST OF HEALTH AND EVERLASTING HAPPINESS.

WITH KINDEST PERSONAL REGARDS,

YOURS RESPECTFULLY,

KIICHI AICHI
MINISTER OF FINANCE
GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN

END TEXT.

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